

Amendments

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.121, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the claims as set forth below.

1. (Currently Amended) A harvesting machine for harvesting stalk crops, ~~such as maize or the like, having comprising:~~

at least two ~~cutting and intake units which have a series of drum-like~~ each having at least one cutting and intake elements being rotatable about a generally vertically axis;

at least one intermediate supporting elements and at least one outer support element to which the cutting and intake elements are is fastened; said at least one outer support element being operatively mounted on said at least one intermediate support element;

at least one first apparatus for pivoting said at least one cutting and intake unit intermediate support element in one a first direction when said at least one intermediate support element is raised from a working position, said pivoting being about a first an inner pivot axis, said inner pivot axis being generally positioned in the direction of travel of the machine; and

at least one second apparatus for pivoting another cutting and intake unit said at least one outer support element about a second an outer pivot axis in a direction opposite said one first direction, whereby said one and other cutting and intake units can be pivoted in opposite directions when said at least one intermediate support element is raised from a working position, said pivoting being about an outer pivot axis, said outer pivot axis being generally positioned in the direction of travel of the machine.

2. (Currently Amended) A harvesting machine according to claim 1, including a base ~~cutting and intake unit~~ support element arranged centrally in front of the harvesting machine.

3. (Currently Amended) A harvesting machine according to claim 2, wherein the base ~~cutting and intake unit~~ support element extends generally across the entire width of the harvesting machine in a transporting position.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) A harvesting machine according to claim ~~4~~ 1, wherein a second intermediate ~~wing~~ support element and a second outer ~~wing~~ support element are provided on a lateral side of the a base cutting and intake unit support element opposite said at least one intermediate lateral side, and outer support elements whereby there are intermediate and outer ~~wings~~ support elements on both sides of the base ~~cutting and intake unit~~ support element.

6. (Currently Amended) A harvesting machine according to claim ~~4~~ 1, wherein said first apparatus is operative for pivoting ~~the~~ the said at least one intermediate wing support element inwardly ~~past an upright position to the~~ a transporting position.

7. (Currently Amended) A harvesting machine according to claim ~~4~~ 1, wherein said second apparatus is operative to ~~for pivoting the~~ the said at least one outer wing support element and

~~arranged so that the outer wing can be pivoted through 180° with respect to its adjacent~~ said at least one intermediate wing support element.

8. (Currently Amended) A harvesting machine according to claim ~~5~~ 2, wherein ~~the said base cutting and intake unit, the~~ support element, said at least one intermediate support element wings, and the said at least one outer wings support element each includes a cutting and intake element.

9. (Currently Amended) A harvesting machine according to claim ~~5~~ 1, wherein ~~the said at least one intermediate support element wings on both sides and the said at least one outer support element wings on both sides are spaced from one another in the transporting position positioned~~ to provide a field of view at a centerline of the machine, said field of view being which is unimpaired by the said at least one intermediate wings support element and said at least one outer wings support element when at least said at least one intermediate support element is in a transport position.

10. (Currently Amended) A harvesting machine according to claim ~~4~~ 1, wherein the ~~second outer~~ pivot axis is between the said at least one intermediate wing support element and said at least one the outer wing support element; and wherein, in a working position, the second said outer pivot axis is located close to the ground.

11. (Currently Amended) A harvesting machine according to claim ~~4~~ 1, wherein ~~the said at least one intermediate wing support element~~ has a rear wall, the said at least one outer

~~wing support element~~ has a rear wall, and said intermediate ~~wing support element~~ rear wall and said outer ~~wing support element~~ rear wall abut one another generally over their entire height in a working position.

12. (Currently Amended) A harvesting machine according to claim 4 2, wherein the base ~~cutting and intake unit support element~~ support element has a rear wall, ~~the said at least one~~ intermediate support element ~~wing~~ has a rear wall, the intermediate ~~wing support element~~ rear wall and the base ~~cutting and intake unit support element~~ support element rear wall have adjacent ends, and the adjacent ends extend downwardly in a working position to a location between a top and bottom of the rear walls.

13. (Original) A harvesting machine according to claim 12, wherein the location between the top and bottom of the rear walls is in the upper half of the rear walls, and wherein the first pivot axis is at said location.

14. (New) A harvesting machine according to claim 9, wherein said field of view is unimpaired when said at least one intermediate support element is in said at least one transport position and said at least one outer support element is in said transport position.

15. (New) In a harvesting machine having a cab with a field of view and having a plurality of cutting elements supported by frames, a support assembly comprising:

a center frame;

at least one intermediate frame;

at least one first pivot, said first pivot connecting said at least one intermediate frame and said center frame;

at least one outer frame;

at least one second pivot, said second pivot connecting said at least one outer frame and said at least one intermediate frame;

said at least one intermediate frame being moveable around said first pivot between a working position and at least one transport position;

said at least one outer frame being moveable around said second pivot between a working position and at least one transport position; and

said at least one transport position disposing said at least one intermediate frame and said at least one outer frame such that a clear field of view is maintained from the cab.

16. (New) A harvesting machine having a plurality of cutting elements supported by frames, a support assembly comprising:

a center frame;

at least one intermediate frame being moveable around a first pivot between a working position and at least one transport position, said at least one intermediate frame pivoting inwardly relative to said center frame when said intermediate frame is moved from said working position to said at least one transport position;

at least one outer frame, said outer frame being moveable around a second pivot between a working position and at least one transport position, said outer frame pivoting outwardly around said second pivot relative to said intermediate frame when said outer frame is moved from said working position to said at least one transport position.